to ensure secrecy regarding the movements of V.V.I.Ps and checks on terrorists by the Delhi Police are being frequently picked up by the amateur radio-operators;

(b) whether Government are aware of the reports of a demonstration to this effect by former Haryana Minister who is a licensed amateur Radio-Operator; and

(c) if so, what is the factual position in this regard and what action has been taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. It may, however, be clarified, that information about VVIP movement is passed on special security frequencies and there is no possibility of leakage of any such information. In so far as messages relating to checking of terrorists are concerned, they are not of secret nature and are passed on to a number of police units including patrol vans, motor cycles, pickets and beat constables.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

P.M.'s instruction on Maharashtra-Karnataka boundary row

993. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a report published in the Times of India of the 8th January, 1989 to the effect that the Prime Minister had asked the Union Home Minister to call the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka to hold talks on the boundary row;

(b) what are the facts about the dispute and the results of the talks held, if any; and

(c) whether the issue was discussed/referred to some Body for their opinion/decision; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Government have seen the relevant press report.

(b) The Mahajan Commission appointed by the Government of India to go into the border disputes between Maharashtra and Karnataka and between Karnataka and Kerala submitted its Report in 1967. While the Government of Karnataka have been urging the implementation of the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission in toto, the Government of Maharashtra have been pressing for the dispute being settled on the basis of definite principles such as village as a unit, geographical contiguity, linguistic majority, etc. Thus the differences between the two State Governments over the acceptability of the recommendations of the Commission have been persisting.

(c) The Government of India have always been of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government remain in touch with both the State Goverments in the matter. Central assistance as required for arriving at a mutually acceptable solution to this problem will be rendered.

Assault on a postman

994. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on January 3, 1989, a postman on duty